

Dearest Boy - I have just finished  
a letter two Jords or more <sup>long</sup>, to our  
Lenore and will continue it to you, as  
she may let you read hers. It has been  
several days now since I heard from  
you or any one from home but the  
letters will come soon, I know. There  
are so many things going on here it keeps  
me writing at high speed just to keep  
even, and then I don't do it. You see I  
have just come over to our home and  
am sitting here in a rocking chair,  
most of the time seeing that these  
servants get anything done. My, my  
they are slow! One of the missionary  
children who was going home with  
her parents, on furlough, remarked,  
"Won't mamma have an easy time in  
America without servants to watch?"  
These people are gentle and willing but  
have never hurried or done anything  
at a given time in all the thousand  
years of their history. My home is  
just one door from Mrs. Murray's and  
right near me is Miss Best and  
a little ways down the road Dr. Wells'  
home and Dr. Woffett's and across  
from him is Mr. McMurtrie, the kind  
old Scotch Bachelor of the community  
who has charge of the industrial plant  
for Korean boys and who does all sorts  
of kind things for everyone. He has  
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the calls. I asked Mr. W. if he was the  
man to call on when the burglars came.  
He said I was to call on him for  
anything I needed but he hoped it  
wouldn't be burglars. I am having  
this house cleaned from top to bottom.  
That means all the walls brushed  
all the windows washed and the great  
wooden beams in the ceiling rubbed  
with oil and the whole place made  
at least dustless. There are at  
least eight rooms in this bungalow  
order - wandering around in a  
delightful manner - besides a  
store room and refrigerator  
room, a small bath-tub room  
to which hot and cold water is  
carried. We have running water  
in the kitchen and a grand big range  
that burns coal and wood. They get  
lots of coal in Korea. They take the fine  
siftings of coal and mix it with  
just enough clay to make it stick  
together and roll it into balls about  
as big as croquet balls or press it  
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I used there, to cover those doors!  
This is intended for a heir. I don't  
mind one bit hunting for these little  
needs we have out here to give  
our homes a touch of real Home. It is  
impossible to get some things here  
and anything in the way of American  
make is terribly high priced ~~and~~.  
Oh, you so soon get tired of foreign  
things. Every one tries to get American  
things, - hence my tailed heir.  
And another thing, dear, whenever  
you want to send along a pound  
of good candy or coffee or a can  
of chipped beef, don't hesitate  
about it because of the parcels post,  
it'll come all safe. I have heard  
nothing of my goods yet, though  
I am assured I'll have a big freight  
bill about October. This funny little  
Carpenter who is building a corner  
seat for me after a picture I drew  
on the floor, with Mr. Blair's help,  
sits on his folded legs as he works.  
He has such funny little tools tied  
together with hemp cord. He carries  
his hammer in the back of his belt  
and holds things with his toes as he  
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of cooking things out of them and  
house hold articles, such as dust  
pans. They even roof their houses  
with the bounded out strips, if  
indeed the ~~whole house~~ <sup>our traveler found twenty houses made</sup> is not  
made of them and old tin cans. Tin  
cans are understood to be the perquisites  
of servants. You never see an ~~English~~  
can heap here. Every body American  
uses canned goods "from home". I  
haven't had a taste of other than con-  
densed milk and canned butter  
since I came and you know how  
I hate canned milk. But that was  
a part of the bargain. They have the  
poorest coffee here I never drank  
that's why I mention coffee - a good  
354 brand. No one in our school is  
allowed to drink coffee but me.  
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Two of the young girls of the station came over and spent the afternoon yesterday and put some books away for me and did a lot of little jobs. My, the letters I write seem to get long so quickly. It keeps me busy writing these days. Our home here will be sweet. I want it to be a home place as so many seem to look to it as a sort of center. We have a lovely piano and when I get my pictures and fix the curtains and all we will have a sweet home. You do write me so promptly, dear, sweet boy. You must feel and realize my prayers for you for I pray constantly for you and I know that God is faithful. I have read right on through Mark and Luke and will go right on. I hope Jessie is doing the same. Please ask him for me. You do not know how I love it and how often and often I feel so near to you as I read these words with you.

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I am feeling stronger but have to be  
so careful. They told me I must wear  
a cholera belt.

With deepest love -

Mother.